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May 8: As was predicted in the report of two weeks ago, the first rains brought a sharp increase in the number of cholera cases in Manila. About half occurred among the crews of the launches and other small craft that never leave the harbor. Not a single case could be traced to importation by sea. The cases that were reported on deep-sea vessels all occurred five days after entering port.

Cholera has been spreading rapidly down the western coast of Luzon.

Arrangements have just been completed with the army with the view of protecting the village of Mariveles on the land side. The village officials had the town cleaned up and the inhabitants vaccinated, and have regulated the sale of vegetables.

#### PORTO RICO.

##### *Inspection of immigrants at San Juan.*

Assistant Surgeon King, chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, reports, June 1, as follows:

*Report of alien steerage passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended May 30, 1903.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
May 28	Catalina (Spanish) .....	Genoa, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Alicante, Malaga, Cadiz, Arrecife, Palmas, and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.	4
29	Leon XIII (Spanish) .....	Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, Sta. Cruz de Palma.	30
29	Maria Herrera (Cuban) .....	Habana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Santiago de Cuba, and Porto Plata.	7
	Total .....		41

#### TURKEY.

##### *Cholera at Damascus.*

Consul Ravndal at Beirut reports, April 25, as follows: The quarantine against Damascus has been reduced to forty-eight hours. As far as known, cholera is extinct in all other parts of Syria.

[Inclosure.]

U. S. CONSULAR AGENCY,  
*Damascus, April 19, 1903.*

Thirty-three deaths from cholera have been reported to me by the sanitary authorities of this city during the last three weeks ending yesterday—that is, 15 deaths during the week ended the 4th instant, 14 deaths during the week ended the 11th instant, 4 deaths during the week ended the 18th instant.

Boukowsky Pasha, delegate of the Sultan, has informed me that the quarantine at Mrejat has been reduced to forty-eight hours since the 16th instant, and he hopes that if the state of the disease continues favorable the sanitary cordon will shortly be removed.

NASIF MESHAKA,  
*United States Consular Agent.*

UNITED STATES CONSUL, *Beirut.*